

**FUSA Student Council**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup> 6:45pm**  
**Meeting Agenda**

- 1. Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country and Meeting open**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Welcome guests**
- 4. Accept minutes from previous meeting**
- 5. Reports**
  - 5.1 President
  - 5.2. General Secretary
  - 5.3. Education Officer
  - 5.4. Welfare Officer
  - 5.5. Post Grad Officer
  - 5.6. Indigenous Officer
  - 5.7. International Officer
  - 5.8. Women's Officer
  - 5.9. Queer Officer
  - 5.10. Environment Officer
  - 5.11. Accessibility Officer
  - 5.12. Social Activities Officer
  - 5.13. General Council Reports
  - 5.14. Manager of Student Engagement
- 6. Matters for Decision**
  - 6.1: 'FUSA Social Media Proposal' as passed at the Executive Meeting 17.2.16
  - 6.2 Accessibility Space - Amy Hueppauff
  - 6.3 Waste Awareness Day - Ali Roush
  - 6.4 Proposed changes to Election Regulations - Josh Sunman
  - 6.5 Flinders University Car Club Affiliation Application
  - 6.6 Pub Crawl Approval - Sarah Polanco
- 7. Matters for Discussion**
- 8. Matters for Noting**
- 9. Meeting Closed**

## **1. Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country and Meeting open**

## **2. Apologies**

- Post Grad Officer (**Christine Bennetts**)

## **3. Welcome Guests**

## **4. Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting**

## **5. Reports**

### **5.1. President's report**

#### **O'Week**

Congratulations to everybody on the best Orientation Week that Flinders University has seen. The feedback from the event has been spectacular and students have never been more engaged with the University in the four years I've attended. Of course this event could not have happened without the work of the FUSA Staff, O'week Directors, Club Volunteers and Student Councillors so thank you to all involved!

We received hundreds of new members throughout the week, admin are currently working through the arduous task of entering them into our system. Welcome to all new members!

Thanks to the National Union Office Bearers who visited the campus throughout the week, Cam Petrie (NUS General Secretary) and Robby Magyar (NUS Welfare Officer).

#### **Collectives**

Thanks to the tireless work of Student Council on the FUSA marquee during O'week, we received many students signing up to our collectives and wanting to be involved in our initiatives. I would encourage all Office Bearers who have a collective under their portfolio to be proactive in contacting the students who have signed up as soon as possible to get them engaged and involved early on! Thanks to Kate Walsh for the support role she played in pushing collectives along.

#### **Value Consultation**

FUSA has continued to work with Callista and the Office of Student Engagement regarding the core values of our institution. I think most people in the University are in agreement that the process did not involve enough student voice and we can systematically work to improve this in the future. We will provide some feedback as a student representative organisation and look at ways we can improve this in the future.

## University Council

Much of the agenda is confidential and I am unable to report back to the Council. However I have organised for the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Colin Stirling to attend the next council meeting to present to FUSA some important movements in the University.

## FUSA Forums

I am in the process of organising multiple student forums around our different campuses. The idea behind the forums is channel more student voice into our processes and services as well the opportunity for students to provide feedback on how the Student Council is representing their needs as students.

With luck, these will be completed before the mid-semester break and involve students from multiple Flinders University campuses.

### 5.2. General Secretary's report (N/A)

### 5.3. Education officer's report (N/A)

### 5.4. Welfare officer's report

#### General Update

*February has proven to be a very busy month for me. O'Week came up very quickly and I have been working on setting up the Yoga & Mindfulness classes for 2016 with FlindersOne. I have also been continuing advertisement for the FUSA Welfare Collective, I hope to gather a large membership for this during O'Week in order to have a large pool of people to call upon in 2016.*

*O'Week is going to be a huge week for FUSA and a great way to start the New Year for us as a Council! With hundreds of new members and some amazing campaigns being run across the year by FUSA and NUS, it is important for us all*

*Being the 50<sup>th</sup> Year of Flinders there are plenty of opportunities for FUSA reps to get into the ear of University administration to make it known that we are watching them. As we've seen in "consultation" sessions with the Uni Administration, they're trying their best to circumvent the student body in their plans. FUSA has to work hard to ensure our voices are heard on behalf of the students we represent.*

*I was also very happy to see FUSA endorse the 'These Cuts are Killing Us' campaign. The Federal Government is trying it's best to destroy the healthcare system which supports many Australians and it is important that student unions and other organisations work together in order to prevent this happening. Unfortunately due to a last minute family commitment I was unable to attend but I was pleased to see several FUSA councillors in attendance.*

### **Communication**

<i>Adelaide SRC &amp; USASA</i>	<p>I have made contact with my counterparts at the Adelaide SRC and USASA to touch base in regards to campaigns being run across the Unis and establishing a support network with other OBs.</p>
<i>NUS – Cuts to Medicare</i>	<p>I have begun making contact with NUS for the Cuts to Medicare rally which is due to happen across the country in mid-March.</p> <p>I encourage all members of the council to attend this rally. Medicare is a vital part of the Australian lifestyle and the Government seems set on slashing funding for key services currently covered under it.</p>

### **Tasks Completed**

<i>O'Week- PIRs &amp; Collective</i>	<p>I spent some time with the NUS Welfare Officer and General Secretary getting signatures for the #CheaperTextbooksNow campaign at Flinders O'Week. I am very happy to say that we gathered over 350 signatures which is disproportionately large for Flinders.</p> <p>I also worked on the Collective stall a few times across the week to recruit members for the Welfare Collective.</p>
<i>NUS – EdCon &amp; GenSec</i>	<p>I met with Cam Petrie, NUS General Secretary, and Caleb in regards to a possible tender from Flinders for EdCon. Obviously Cam is unable to make commitments but I believe that FUSA can be competitive in this process and beat out the other Unions considering a tender (UQ &amp; UWA from what I understand).</p> <p>We also discussed working with NUS across the year and I feel that we have a good working relationship already in place. I believe that it is important for FUSA Office Bearers to make contact with their respective NUS State Branch members in order to continue fostering this close relationship.</p>
<i>Rental &amp; Tenants Board</i>	<p>The new FUSA website launched during O'Week and I worked with Student Assist to find and features links to resources for women, LGBT, disabled and international students. I am very happy that this is now part of the FUSA website as there was nothing like this on the previous iteration of the site.</p>
<i>Relax Days</i>	<p>Proposal for Relax days are approved and will go ahead in Semester 1. Rachel and Anthea have done some great work planning this year's events. There has been live music or a DJ allowed for each event and we will be travelling between Main Campus, Sturt, Tonsley and the School of Medicine several times across the year.</p>
<i>Mindfulness &amp; Yoga</i>	<p>Met with Wendy Gower from FlindersOne. Yoga classes are currently in the proposal stage at FlindersOne but will more than likely go ahead. We also discussed other ways of engaging students with healthy lifestyles while on a budget.</p> <p>FlindersOne is responsible for most of the planning and operation of these events but I have offered to contribute to advertisement through</p>

	the FUSA and Welfare Collective pages. This is a relatively low-cost way for me to engage with the student body and I plan on working with FlindersOne across the year to continue running events for students.
<i>Welfare Breakfasts</i>	The proposal for Welfare Breakfasts in 2016 was submitted to the FUSA Executive Committee and approved with some changes.  The event runs the same as last year in most ways, however I have changed some of the locations with new locations being Education & Registry Road in place of Anchor Court and SILC

### **Ongoing Tasks**

<i>Your Rights at Work</i>	Work is on-going on the proposal for this event. Once O'Week is over, I will finalise this and submit the proposal to Council.
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### **5.5. Post Graduate officer's report - None Received**

### **5.6. Indigenous officer's report**

- Met with Ali from Yunggoendi to discuss shared campaigns and NAIDOC
- Attended Yunggoendi orientation and spoke to a group of incoming student about FUSA and my specific role within the organisation
- Attended a Student consultation session geared towards the Universities core values.
- Visited the Gallery space at Flinders and toured the archives.
- Also spoke to Fiona Salmon and Bec Lever in regards to holding a gallery space during NAIDOC
- Attended the opening of an exhibition at the Flinders gallery space in the city. The exhibition is centred on the artists of Papunya and how the style of the new generation differs from the original artist who helped make Indigenous Art known to the world. I encourage all of council to go and see the exhibition.
- Helped push the National Welfare Petition on the removal of PIRs. As a student interested in Indigenous Cultures around the world it is essential to purchase books that are written and printed overseas. PIRs only further the costs of these books.
- Attended an Induction with Sue Myatt from Student Assist to discuss and promote FUSA to a group of new students.

### **5.7. International officer's report**

Met with the lovely Jane Horgan face to face at ISSU office and organized a time (10th March) to meet up with Caleb, Adam, Rachel, Matt Taverner (Director Partnerships and Student Services). This meeting is regarding activities throughout 2016 that may be specifically targeted at international students or developed as an opportunity to promote intercultural exchange and community building.

### **O'Week**

Met with a couple of associations and societies. Encouraged them to join FUSA collectives. Meet plenty of new and current international students. Directed them to the FUSA booth and made sure they signed up for at least one collective. Discussed how FUSA and I might be able to make their experience at Flinders University a greater one. Gathered some ideas

that the students wish to see at Flinders University. Talked about the multicultural festival and told them about the Multicultural Festival Facebook page. I received various responses but mainly positive. I still need to converse with more international student to get more feedback regarding the best way to have this year Multicultural Festival.

Meeting with the creators a recent new club, Cultural Connections. Met with Han and the other Cultural Connections members at their booth in o'week. Discussed how FUSA and ISSU could help them gain more volunteers and exposure to all the students.

### **Emails**

Just received an email from Adam Rau about official association and societies clubs at Flinders. Will use that to track each of them down and discuss about their involvement in the Multicultural Festival this year.

I have started sending out replies to students who have requested to be on the international students subcommittee. With further more applications from gathered from O'Week, Will be sending out more emails and meeting up with potential subcommittee members. Hoping to finalize a group of international students to be used as a subcommittee by the end of March.

### **International Students Collective Facebook Page**

Launched the International Students Collective Facebook page. Added a description and details to the page. Invited students to join the Facebook page. Found out in O'Week not every international student has a Facebook account or doesn't actively use it. Looking into ways to get it as popular as the Multicultural Page. Discussed with last year's international student officer about using her connections to get the page more active.

### **5.8. Women's Officer's Report – None Received**

### **5.9. Queer Officer's Report (N/A)**

### **5.10. Environment officer's report**

#### **Environment Collective**

I've officially begun running the Environment Collective, and have been working with the old environment group at Flinders, FEAG to effectively merge the two. I have also met with several clubs which are interested in being part of the Collective, including the Vegan and Vegetarian Club, Fair Trade Collective, Sustainable Engineering Society, AYCC and others.

#### **Events**

##### *Waste Awareness Day (to be held 5th April)*

I've been liaising and contacting potential attendees of the event, and so far have locked in several speakers for plenaries, plus stallholders for the event. I've also been contacting companies, councils and organisations for information and materials that I can use during the event.

### *Environment Collective BBQ (4th March)*

I've organised a casual BBQ to start off the Environment Collective, which I advertised during O'Week through several of the relevant clubs. I also sent out an email regarding the event to all the students who signed up in O'Week, and through Facebook groups.

### *Fair Trade 101 Session (5th March)*

I've been working with the Adelaide Fair Trade Society to organise a joint UoA and Flinders information session about Fair Trade and the two clubs for new (and old) members of both clubs. It will be held at the Victoria Square Campus, and is part of a push to have more collaboration between clubs and groups at the two universities.

### *Fashion Revolution Day and Fair Trade Fortnight (6th-22nd May)*

I've met with the Flinders Fashion Club to begin trying to organise an awareness event about the issues of the fashion industry (humanitarian and environmentally). This event will target the Flinders Fashion students, and is intended to be held at their TAFE campus in the city. It will include a screening of 'The True Cost' documentary, plus speakers, stalls and workshops, and will occur during Fair Trade Fortnight.

I'm also in the preliminary stages of organising other awareness events at the Bedford Park campus during the Fortnight.

## **SASEN AGM**

I attended the SA AGM for the Australian Environment Network earlier in the month, along with the SA Co-Convenor, Adelaide University representatives and one the Australian Co-Convenors. We discussed national and South Australian plans for the year and how we can continue to collaborate between the SA universities.

## **Campus Recycling**

I continued to work with the Sustainability Officer regarding improving our recycling system, and we've ordered in an E-Waste bin for the Hub, plus several recycling and 10c caddies to place around the Hub. We are also working on designing labelling for the recycling, organic and general waste bins on campus.

## **ET Article**

I wrote an article for the last ET magazine submission, regarding the damaging nature of consumerism.

## **5.11 Accessibility officer's Report**

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

- Attended the Core Values Consultation
- Student Council Meeting

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

- Collectives Stall & O'Week

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

- Meeting with David Banks & Shane Jennings
  - Discussed the Registry Road Redevelopment
  - The creation of an Accessibility Space
  - Special Permit Parking
- Began work on a Flinders Accessibility 'Map'

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

- Collated Accessibility Collective member list
- Wrote motion
- Attended O'Fiesta

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February**

- Organised meeting with Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students), Claire Pollock

## **5.12 Social Activities Officer's Report**

Throughout this month I have completed and have commenced many jobs within Student Council. I have attended numerous meetings where I have contributed my time and efforts to share my ideas and plans.

### **Meetings and Catch Ups**

This month I have attended an executive meeting, the Values consultation, and various other smaller meetings with Adam Rau, Anthea Stanton and Rachael Pollock. These meetings have been so beneficial to myself in regards to getting a grasp of my own position in Student Council as I was away for a good 2 months overseas.

### **Pub Crawl**

This month I have been discussing with fellow team members Adam, Steph and Anthea about the once a semester pub crawl which FUSA holds. The date 29th of April has been chosen to have this pub crawl and research has been conducted by yours truly to get capacities and availabilities of different pubs. There are a few things which still need to be finalised such as shirts and a few venues but things are certainly shaping up!

### **O'Week**

The past week has been a very long and tiring week for me and I am sure for other in SC. I would like to make special mention to Rachael and the rest of the AMAZING team for holding such a successful O'Week! I personally loved it! And the atmosphere was amazing! I spent most my time everyday in the FUSA collective stall encouraging people who wanted to join collectives to sign up and to become members of FUSA! It was a great week of chatting to students! (Thank you so so much Kate for organising the collectives) I managed to nearly get 200 students to sign up to Social Activities.....however I am still contemplating on whether that is a good or bad thing hahaha (a lot of data entry, that's for sure :P). I spent some time in other stalls but that was quite minimal. O'Fiesta was amazing.....of what I can remember, unfortunately. Stay in school kids.



### **5.13. General Council officer's reports**

#### **Jordon O'Reilly**

##### **Executive**

Attended the executive meeting on Wednesday 17/02. Created the agenda for the meeting. Also took minutes for the meeting. Nothing too controversial to report on.

##### **NUS executive**

Joined in on the phone conference for the NUS executive on the Tuesday the 23/02/2016. Moved the report by S.A state branch president Joshua Boughey. Also met with National General Secretary when he came down to Adelaide. Had the opportunity to discuss the NUS budget and the possibility of Ed-Con in Adelaide.

##### **O'Week**

I had many commitments throughout O'Week, including running the stall for my sports club, however I was still able to help out for a few hours during the week at the collectives stall. Managed to help the NUS welfare officer Robby Magyar his department's campaign #Fightforafairprice and help lower the price of text books for students. Also managed to get a few signatures on the Car Parking survey. I would like to give a special mention to Joshua Sunman, Sarah Polanco and Hamish Richardson who throughout O'Week spent the most time on the collective stall. Bit disappointed to have some members of SC not spend any time at the stall despite being at O'Week.

##### **MISC**

Office cricket has finally given a suitable cricket bat and the game can now be seen as competitive. Rules should hopefully be drafted and voted in soon!

Also happy to have supported Burger Theory's Flinders Tavern in there new business venture.

#### **Josh Sunman**

- Worked on the FUSA Collectives stall throughout O'Week educating students about FUSA's role on campus; particularly FUSA Collectives.
- Prepared Election Regulation amendments.
- Met with Kate Walsh to discuss Election Regulation Changes
- Provided SC with advanced notice of future ET deadlines.

#### **Hamish Richardson**

Spent a number of hours across 4 days assisting at Collectives O'Week Stall. Attended Flinders Living "Speed dating" session for residential leaders – really good experience and opportunity to spruik FUSA to influential students in an important and often overlooked part of the university community. Also had opportunity, thanks to Women's Officer Angela Tomarelli, to speak about FUSA with Anthea Stanton at an induction for new country and rural students. Attended executive meeting as observer. Collected a number of signatures for FUSA campaigns. Happy to detail further orally.

## Chris Norman – None Received

### Grace Hill

This month I organized a protest as part of the #LetThemStay campaign. Disgracefully, the High Court made a ruling which upheld the validity of government decisions to deport refugees in Australia to concentration camps on Nauru and Manus Island. The community response was amazing. There were two protests in Adelaide, one of which was organized by the Greens and one organized jointly by myself, the Adelaide Uni SRC Ethnocultural Officer, and the NUS SA Ethnocultural Officer. We were able to speak with many students and workers about the issue. We were also heartened to see that interstate, hospital workers refused to discharge a refugee baby until it was guaranteed that she would not be deported to Nauru. Predictably though, Dutton has since announced his intention to kidnap the baby from community detention at a later date and deport her, and equally predictably, the Labor party have continued to back the governments policy. This is no surprise when one considers who set up Australia's concentration camps in the first place. I have also organized a petition against the deportations, and have been gathering signatures on the Bedford and Vic Square campuses, and in the city. I spoke with the Student President about the then forthcoming ET article on Student Council to offer my advice. I also spoke with him about the carparking campaign.

I was present at every day of O'Week, mostly on my club stall. I successfully signed heaps of students up to FUSA, and informed many people I spoke to on our stall of FUSA and Student Assist. Many students are already in need of the services FUSA offers – they're arriving at uni already in debt, being screwed around by Centrelink, and unsure of how they'll pay for textbooks.

I spoke with the NTEU about the upcoming job cuts.

I met with the Student President at Adelaide Uni to discuss the restructures at Sydney Uni and Melbourne Uni. I have printed some articles about these restructures and put them on our SC room wall so that SC members who mightn't be so familiar with what's going on can read about it. I have also printed Pilger's latest article on Timor Leste, which contains much background information to the motion we passed in the last meeting in support of the Timor Sea Justice Campaign. I was asked before and after the meeting for more information, I'm more than happy to have conversations with people about it also. I have printed out articles about the current legal battle between Coles workers and Coles regarding the sweetheart deal between Coles and the SDA to get rid of penalty rates. So many Flinders students are also retail workers who rely on their penalty rates, and the last thing they need is borderline yellow unionism.

I am organizing a speakout in Rundle Mall for students and teachers who oppose the attacks on the Safe Schools Coalition. The Safe Schools Coalition promotes the most basic thing, that school should be a welcoming environment for LGBTI students. Apparently this is a bridge too far for the likes of Turnbull and the Australian Christian Lobby, who by their actions one could only assume they want LGBTI youth to be bullied and

abused. I encourage SC members to attend and show their support. It's going to be held at 4pm, on Friday the 4th of March, at the King William St end of Rundle Mall.

**To note:** in the course of O'Week I was stalked and assaulted by three people who clearly have a problem with me, but also things they said during the assault indicated they have a problem with the student council. Unfortunately I feel that it's worth warning people, and asking all student council members to be careful while walking on campus. The assault took place in the stairwell to the Geoff Harrison room, and as such I have been in discussions with Adam, Chris, and Buildings and Property, regarding the provision of more appropriate club storage spaces to prevent such things happening in the future. The Geoff Harrison room, in addition to being in a quiet corner of the campus, has serious access issues (no lift, no ramp), and if students with physical disabilities wished to start a club and use the clubs storage, they'd be screwed. I intend to discuss this further with the people listed above, and also with the Accessibility Officer.

**Sean Lamonby - None Received**

#### **5.14. Manager of Student Engagement's report**

##### **Student Radio**

Legal Services have advised that they are close to receiving advice from an external employment relations lawyer regarding the role of the Student Radio Coordinator and the students involved in the project i.e. the Student Directors and other student volunteers who will be involved in the broadcasting and administration of the station. I will inform Student Council once this is received.

##### **O'Week 2016**

Thank you to all FUSA staff and Student Council for contributing to a wonderful O'Week. The feedback I have received from both students and staff has been extremely positive.

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#### **Student Assist Activity Report for February – Prepared by the Team Leader, Student Assist**

##### Casework

The current report has been prepared in time for the next Student Council meeting and reflects activity until the 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Student Assist has created 29 new cases for the month of February, almost twice as many the number of cases created for January. The SAO's and SFAO have managed 39 issues (up from the 25 issues presented to Student Assist in January), where loan applications (12.8%), enrolment issues (10.25%), requests for assistance with placement grievances (7.7%), final grade appeals (7.7%), Centrelink enquiries (7.7%) and financial counselling (7.7%) have been the most highly represented matters.

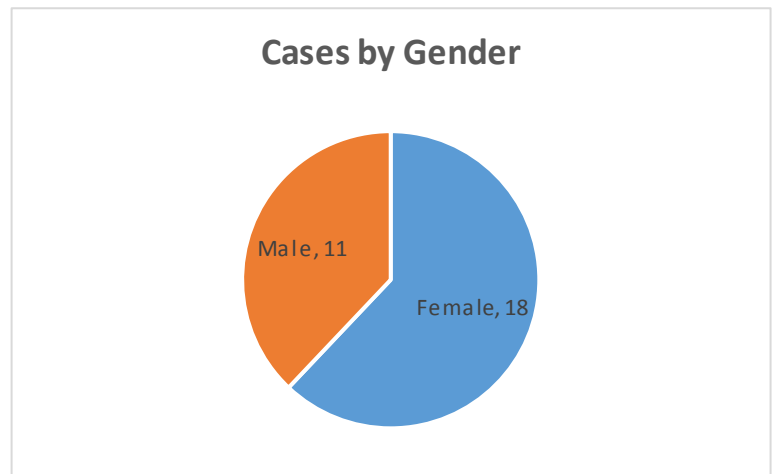
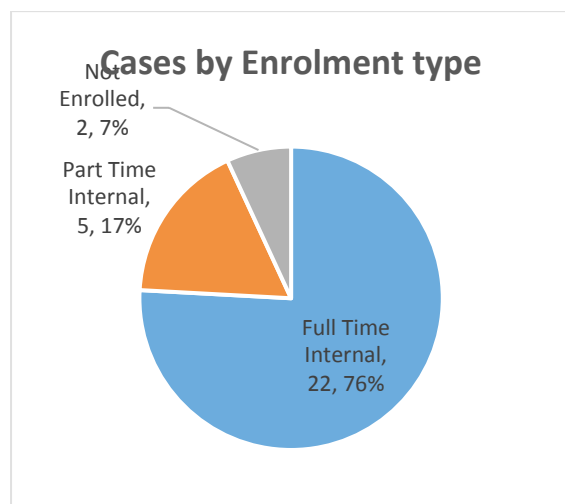
Requests for student loans are reflective of a need to purchase textbooks and equipment ready for the commencement of the academic year. Students have also sought Financial Counselling for assistance in relation to general budgeting and more complex matters such as house repossessions. In addition, 11 students have contacted the Student Assist general email address for assistance.

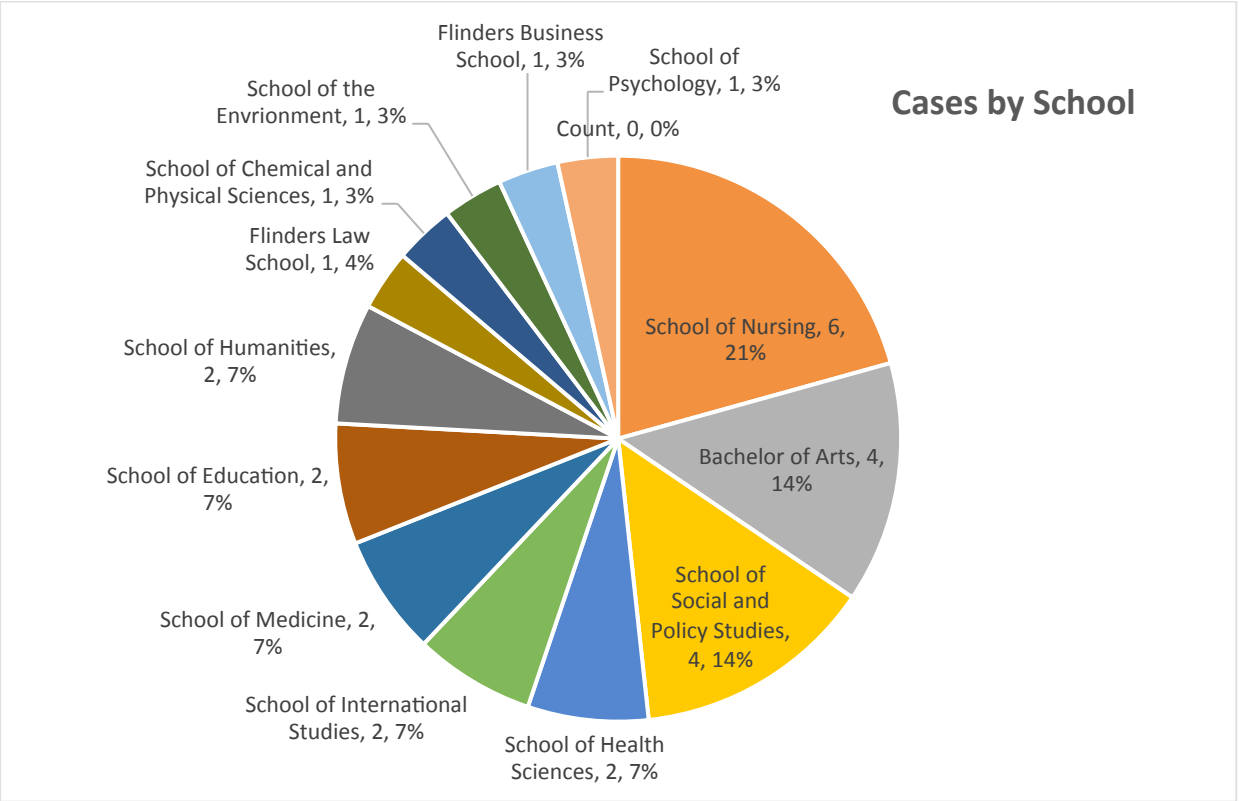
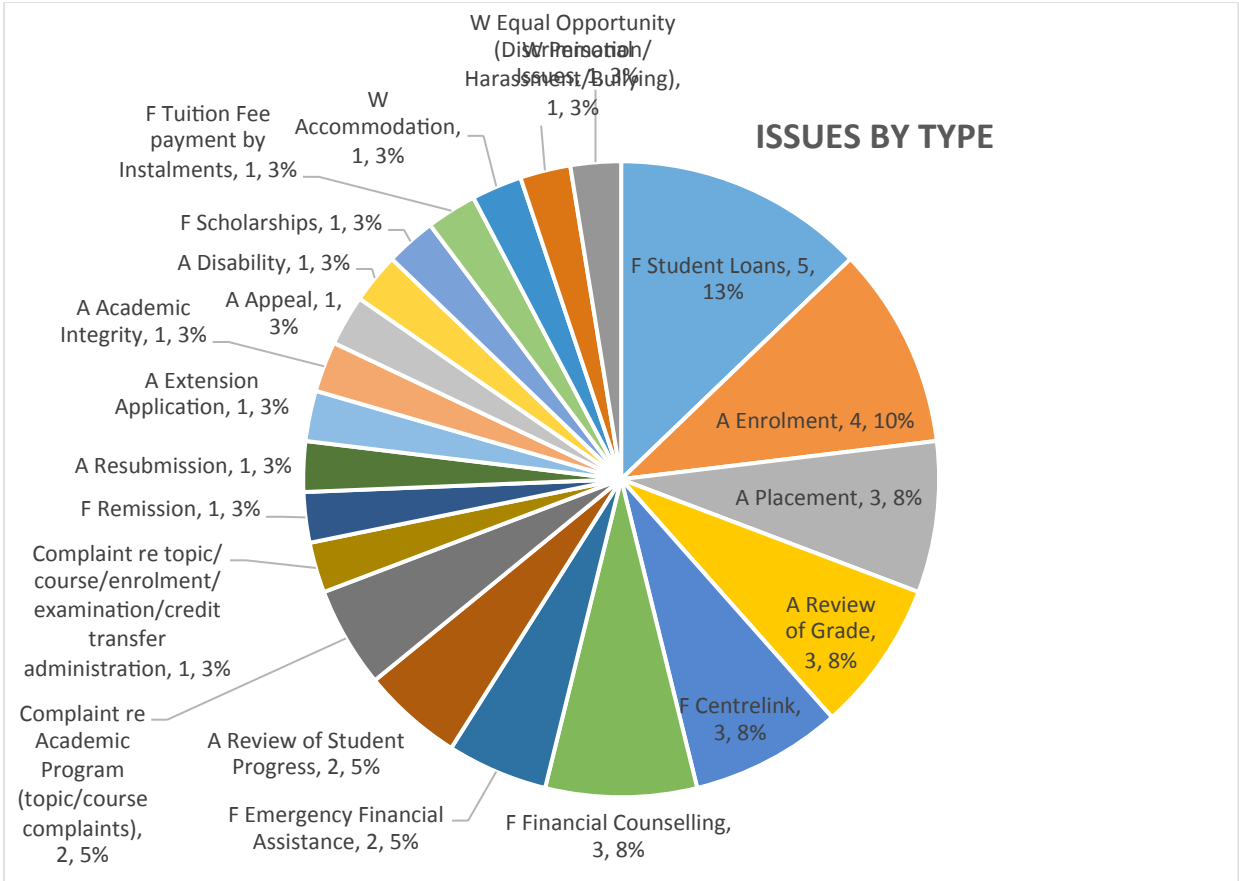
Academic enquiries comprised 81.81% of the email correspondence maintained via the Student Assist general email address, an increase from the number of enquiries received in January (64%). Students using this medium of communication with Student Assist were chiefly domestic (63.63%) and female (90.9%).

### Communications and Service

- Presentation to staff at the School of Nursing and Midwifery
- Meeting with EO contact officers, Manager of EO Office and Student EO Advisers
- Flinders Core Values consultation
- Student Assist has staffed a stall during Sturt O'Week (24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Feb) having provided merchandise and information on FUSA services to up to 1000 students.
- Presented outline of FUSA services, including advocacy, welfare and financially-related assistance available from FUSA to the following cohorts of students Academic Preparation Program (x2); Nutrition and Dietetics; Physiotherapy; Speech Pathology; Medicine; Postgraduate Nursing; Country and Interstate welcome and Student Success Program.
- Participated in Flinders Living Service event.
- Attended Oasis welcome event.
- Staff presence at main campus stall on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

### Case load breakdown





## Reflections on ANZSSA conference 2015

Prepared by Sue Myatt

Defining the role of student advocates/student advisers is often difficult; the more you wrestle with it the more elusive it becomes. Those working in student advocacy also often do not have the time to reflect and define their role, they are too engaged in developing and creating interesting ways of assisting students. Relatively few numbers of advocates, the demands of large numbers of students and complex issues mean little time has been devoted to creating formal and established networks. For example, as a Student Advocacy Officer for FUSA, Flinders University Student Association the demands of the role are varied specialised that tailored training can be difficult to obtain. ANZSSA is currently supporting a project to develop a professional qualification in Student Services in Higher Education in Australian and New Zealand universities and hopefully this will go some way to recognising our unique role as well as providing ongoing professional development.

Thus the 2015 ANZSSA conference was a welcome opportunity to gather and network with those peers engaged in advocacy. More formal opportunities also were available to promote and recognise the work practices of student advocates; one was the creation of interest groups and the other was a presentation focussed on student advocacy work and its role in raising the student voice.

The workshop was an opportunity to begin a conversation between advocates. Conversations ranging from the macro level of our role, such as the impact of current and proposed federal and state government policies on higher education, development of learning experiences, and student's welfare issues. Micro issues such the types of service offered, sharing tips on policy development, impact of policy on students, shared systemic issues common to universities, and how we all deal with difficult conversations with students and staff. Tools of the 'advocacy trade' were swapped and discussed including templates, web sites, and policy development.

Presentations on advocacy by student advocate officer's practising in the field are also rare. Kat Nordern's (La Trobe Student Union) presentation on 'Bridging the gap between student advocacy and student representation' covered her unique role of part advocate, part research and policy officer. Kat summarised many of the service charter aspects common to the advocacy role; enhancing the learning experience; promotion of student interests and welfare; represent student interests internally and externally to the university; promoting amenities and services as well as most importantly, empowering student to make changes themselves. Advocates assist students to follow and participate in the University's processes properly including academic integrity, remission of debt, course issues, grade issues, appeals, placement difficulties and special consideration.

This staff role developed at LTSU cleverly uses the everyday, familiar aspects of the advocate. Student Advocates are well placed to know the types of student issues that reoccur, identifying patterns that underline systemic matters. As Kat identified so well, student advocates know the intricate details of policy, and its interpretation; they can analyse complex issues; have a wide knowledge of higher education practices and strong

institutional knowledge. In Kat's role, her advocacy role provides a bridge to assisting student representatives with an insight into casework and the ability to maintain a database to provide evidence regarding systemic student issues. Student representatives are at the heart of every change at the University through participation on committees and assisting students to contribute effectively is part of Kat's role, widening and building on advocacy knowledge.

The ultimate outcome of Kat's presentation was the focus placed on advocacy and its potential to provide effective, evidence based knowledge to inform universities of the nature, type and identity of systemic student based issues. The major challenge remains for Student Advocates and student representatives to create ongoing and effective pathways to ensure the student voice are heard at all levels of the institution. The 2015 ANZSSA conference successfully created the environment for this debate and ongoing Student Advocacy support group to be encouraged.

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#### **Student Representation Report for February** – Prepared by the Student Representation and Development Officer

Over the past month the **Student Representation and Development Officer** has been working on a number projects:

The SRDO has continued working with Office Bearers to assist in the establishment/renewal of a range of **FUSA Collectives** with O'Week being a big focus. The Collectives stall ran really well and SC members did a fantastic job recruiting interested students to their cause/issue. The next step will be to support SC to work with their Collectives during 2016 and increase student participation in activities across Flinders.

The SRDO is in charge of organising and administering the upcoming **FUSA By-Election** running from March 9-11. We have received 13 nominations for positions (General Secretary, Education Officer & Queer Officer) from 12 candidates.

The SRDO has been overseeing the **FUSA Development Grants** process. A few tweaks have been made have been made to the selection criteria and a more thorough acquittal process is now in place. Grants will open on March 1 and are open for students to apply for funding for professional development activities, student representation and leadership activities and activities of cultural and social significance. Full details are on the FUSA website.

The SRDO has also been assisting the Postgraduate Officer to administer the **Postgraduate Unibooks Grants**. FUSA has received a high number of applications for these grants which is great to see.

If you'd like to discuss any of the above or anything related to student representation and the student council please get in touch with Kate Walsh on 8201 3620 [kate.walsh@flinders.edu.au](mailto:kate.walsh@flinders.edu.au)

## 6. Matters for Decision

### 6.1. 'FUSA Social Media Proposal' as passed at the Executive Meeting 17.2.16 - Manager of Student Engagement and Media Officer

*(Please also refer to the included document: BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE FUSA FACEBOOK PAGE - DOCUMENT FOR STUDENT COUNCIL Prepared by the Media Officer.)*

At the Executive meeting on the 17.2.16 a 'FUSA Social Media Proposal' was tabled and the following passed:

#### *Motion:*

- 1. That the Media Officer shall prepare a document for Student Council at the beginning of every month detailing planned social media activity until the next foreseeable student council meeting. No post should be made by staff that falls outside of this approved document, unless prior approval is given by the Student President or Student Council.*
- 2. That the Student President and/or any delegates are given access to the FUSA Social Media accounts.*

*Executive wish to arrange a time to meet with the Media Office and Manager, Student Engagement to discuss the practicality of this proposal.*

Myself and the Media Officer have concerns around the practicalities of the proposal tabled. Unfortunately, I have not had the opportunity to engage in a formal discussion with any Student Council representative about this issue or the specific proposal tabled at the Executive meeting and unfortunately, I was unable to attend the meeting.

The concerns regarding the tabled proposal relates to the consequences of the Media Officer sharing the administration of the FUSA Facebook page. For the Media Officer and other media staff, this arrangement potentially poses possible legal, ethical and reputational related issues. This is why I am requesting a sufficient amount of time to consider and discuss the implications and all options

I am of the view that it is crucial to ensure that we create a FUSA Social Media Policy where both Student Council and FUSA staff feel comfortable. I believe this requires a collaborative approach involving FUSA staff and Student Council representatives whereby we are able to have discussions together and to come to an arrangement where all parties feel comfortable and satisfied. I believe this is important for the overall success of FUSA's social media platforms.

If Student Council want more of a social media presence, then the Media Officer



recommends creating a separate Facebook page for Student Council which could be built into a strong voice online relatively quickly. The Media Team could then share out those posts on the FUSA page very quickly without FUSA losing its consistency, privacy and impact. However, this can be a part of further discussions. Some examples of whereby the Student Council have a separate Facebook page to the student organisation itself are:

- AUU's Student Representative Council <https://www.facebook.com/adelaidesrc/?fref=nf>
- UNSW ARC's Student Representative Council <https://www.facebook.com/ArcUNSW/>
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**Motion:** Student Council approve the Manager, Student Engagement and Student President to facilitate discussions with interested Student Council representatives and appropriate FUSA staff with the aim of working collaboratively and to agree on an arrangement with regards to FUSA social media where all parties feel comfortable and satisfied. A document outlining this arrangement will be tabled at April's Student Council meeting.

## **6.2. Accessibility Space - Amy Hueppauff**

### **Preamble:**

Of the four autonomous positions on student council, Accessibility is the only one without an autonomous space. This is discriminatory towards students with disability and such a space is needed as students with disability are still heavily discriminated against. The fact that such a space was not created along with the Women's Room and Queer Space in the new Student Hub was a major oversight.

### **Motion:**

Student Council support the Accessibility Officer's endeavours to get the university to create an 'Accessibility Space' in the hub.

## **6.3. Waste Awareness Day - Ali Roush**

### **Preamble:**

I'm currently organising a Waste Awareness Day for Flinders, to be held in the Plaza on the 5th of April. It will involve the screening of 'Just Eat It', a documentary about food waste, on the big screen, 1 (maybe 2) plenaries with speakers (including Mark Parnell, representatives from OzHarvest, Foodbank, Jefferies, Mitcham Council and Green Industries), and stalls and activities regarding recycling, food waste issues, etc. This is forecast to be a low cost event, give the movie rights have already been purchased, and all the speakers and stallholders are coming for free. The only foreseeable costs at this stage are for the BBQ, and potentially to purchase giveaways, info booklets or fliers. All money required will come out of the Environment Officer's budget. I'm also looking to open the event up for the public to attend.

### **Motion:**

The Council approves the event and opening it to the public.

#### 6.4. Proposed changes to Election Regulations - Josh Sunman

(Changes are in bold/italic)

##### 1. Campaigning in teaching and learning spaces

There was a widespread belief among candidates that campaigning in teaching spaces (library, computer labs, lectures, tutorials) was not permitted due to **regulation 15.5: Prohibited Practices and Offensive Material**.

However, regulation 15.5 does not, in fact, prohibit *campaigning* in these spaces just the display and distribution of election material. It is recommended that regulation 15.5 be amended to clearly prohibit the conduct concerned.

Recommend Amending 15.5 of the Election Regulations to read:

***Campaigning and*** display or distribution of election material is not allowed in any computer labs, tutorial rooms, lecture theatres, designated teaching space, polling places, the library or any eating or drinking area.

##### 2. *On Defining Students*

Following from a recommendation in the 2014 Election Report, the definition of what constitutes a student was changed in the Election Regulations to better define what constitutes an “enrolled” student. However, in the interest of being completely clear, it is suggested that the definition include reference to a student being “currently enrolled in an award course” as reflected in the University definition.

Recommend amending the definition of “Student” in **Section 2: Definitions** in the Election Regulations to read:

“Student” means any currently enrolled student of the University, who is enrolled as a full-time, part-time or external student as defined by the University. “As defined by the University” is a composite of the University Council definitions of: “Postgraduate Student” and “Undergraduate Student”. Non-award students are not included within this definition. ***A student has a 'current enrolment' if they are enrolled for a topic which is identified as to be counted toward the requirements of a course as defined by the University.***

It is also recommended that inconsistencies in the definition of Student between the FUSA constitution, the Election Regulations and other relevant FUSA regulations be resolved at some point in the future.

##### 3. Social Media Use

After the 2015 FUSA election the Returning Officer recommended providing more clarity within **Section 14 Election: Material and Website** of the Election Regulations around the use of Social media by Candidates and how the RO should regulate social media.

Recommend addition to **Section 14: Election Material and Website** of the Election Regulations:

***14.6: Where websites (including social media accounts) are to be used to publicise campaign material, the candidate publishing the material must submit the URL of the website to the Returning Officer as per rr 14.4-14.5. The Returning Officer must have necessary access to be able to view all content published on that page for the duration of the polling period. Websites authorised by the Returning Officer must contain the statement "Page authorised by the Returning Officer". Provided the Page is approved, it is not necessary to submit every piece of social media material to the Returning Officer for approval. However, the Returning Officer may require removal of any material on an approved website which breaches these Rules, following the process in section 15.***

**The following changes to the Election regulations are to be tabled to come into effect on March 12, 2016 at the conclusion of the current By-Election in progress until March 11.**

#### **4. By-Election Nominations**

This change to the Election regulations is proposed to avoid having to run a series of By-Elections when vacant positions are filled in a By-Election by students already on Student Council. The recommended addition to the regulations below would mean that members of Student Council would need to resign their current position to recontest a new position. The vacated positions would then be added to the positions available for nomination in that By-Election.

Recommended addition to Election Regulation **Section 9: Eligibility of Candidates**

***9.2. In the case of a By-Election where an Office Bearer, Student Council member with a portfolio (Student Council Officer) or General Member of Student Council intends to nominate for a vacant position on Student Council during a by-election, the Office Bearer, Student Council member with a portfolio (Student Council Officer) or General Member of Student Council must resign from their current position two days before the opening of nominations. This position will be considered vacant for the purpose of the by-election.***

#### **5. Polling Place for By-Election**

This change to the Election Regulations is recommended as operating a physical polling place is resource intensive, particularly on the time required to set up and operate the polling place by the Student Representation and Development Officer and the Office Coordinator. As there is no budget line allocated to operating a Polling Place during a By-Election doing so is also cost prohibitive. A Polling Place is not recommended to operate for any by-election outside of the annual FUSA election. Students are still free to campaign and direct voters to online voting available from any computer or smart device.

Recommended addition to Election Regulation **Section 11: Conduct of the Ballot**

**11.15. In the case of a by-election there is no requirement to establish a polling place, unless the positions of Student President, or General Secretary, or a minimum of two student council positions, including at least one Office Bearer position are up for election.**

**Motion:** Student Council approve the above amendments to the Election Regulations with changes 1,2& 3 to be effective immediately and changes 4 & 5 be tabled to come into effect on March 12, 2016 at the conclusion of the current By-Election.

**6.5. Flinders University Car Club Affiliation Application**

**Attached to the email will be the Constitution and the Member list to this club.**

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Name of Club	Flinders University Car Club
Club Main Contact Person	Jack Miller
Club Main Contact Phone Number	0431 394 207
Club Email Address	<a href="mailto:jack.miller@members.fresh927.com.au">jack.miller@members.fresh927.com.au</a>
Club Description	<p>We are a car club comprised of current Flinders University students. The club will host regular activities to encourage members to meet like-minded students with a passion for cars, and to act as a voice for car enthusiasts at Flinders University. The club acknowledges the widespread passion for cars within the Adelaide area, and aims to foster the relationships and the mutual passion shared between enthusiasts at Flinders University.</p>
Proposed Activities	<p>Car Meets: Students arrange a non-peak (after hours or weekend) time to bring their cars along to a car parking facility (preferably at Flinders University) to meet other enthusiasts, discuss car-related material, and display their vehicles.</p> <p>Car Cruises: Club Members will arrange for a cruise day, wherein members drive to a specified location together for an activity (e.g. lunch at Victor Harbor).</p> <p>Swap Meets: Club Members arrange to meet and bring along any car parts and/or accessories they wish to sell or swap, and see what other members have to offer. This allows for the interaction with other members, and for members to swap their 'trash' for 'treasure'.</p> <p>The club will also arrange dinners, quiz nights and other miscellaneous activities to encourage the interaction between</p>

club members.

Club Website URL (if applicable)

Club Facebook URL (if applicable)

Club Twitter URL (if applicable)

Type of Affiliation      Non-Financial Affiliation

Club Constitution Document      [Flinders University Car Club - Constitution.docx](#)

Current Member List      [Flinders University Car Club - Members List.docx](#)

Please provide the dates and details of two events that were run by the club within the last 12 months

Bank (NAB, Bank SA, etc.)

Club Bank Account Name

BSB Number

Bank Account Number

Signatory 1 Name  
(Required)

Signatory 1 Position  
(Required)

Signatory 2 Name  
(Required)

Signatory 2 Position  
(Required)

Signatory 3 Name

Signatory 3 Position

Signatory 4 Name

Signatory 4 Position

**Motion:**

Student Council supports the affiliation of Flinders University Car Club with FUSA.

**6.6. Pub Crawl proposal expected to be completed ASAP tomorrow.  
Proposal.....blah blahhhhhhhhhh etc. here. in this space.**

**7. Matters for Discussion**

**8. Matters for Noting**

**9. Meeting Closed**